



THE GADGETS SET TO ROCK 2016

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♦ iPAD PRO RUNNING MAC OS X

The iPad Pro is a wonderful thing, but some argue that Microsoft has left the iOS-toting iPad lagging behind as the must-have tablet for design pros, with its Surface Pro 4 running Windows 10. Creating an iPad Pro that runs OS X would let the splendid 12.9-inch screen and Apple Pencil strut their stuff with full-fat design apps. A next-gen A10X chip may enable that. FTA: TBC

£TBC, www.apple.com/uk

ROKU 4

Roku's set-top boxes have been a long-held favourite of the 73 team, so the arrival of a 4K model has caused unprecedented scenes of joy in the office. Not only does it stream QHD from various apps, but it features upscaling, too, to make the most of your TV's resolution. Roku's voice-search remote is still part of the package, and there's a headphone jack for private listening. ETA: Q1 2016 £TBC, roku.com/en-gb





MOTO 360 SPORT

Following hot on the heels of Motorola's excellent Android Wear smartwatch comes the fitness-orientated Moto 360 Sport. A strong silicone construction and side vents keep you cool, built-in GPS tracks you, and the AnyLight display makes reading the screen easy even in sunlight. ETA: January 2016 £219, www.motorola.co.uk





HERO 5 MICROSOFT SURFACE PRO 5

8K GOPRO

The GoPro Hero5 is imminent, and you'd better buff up your eveballs to cope with its 8K resolution - that's right, double the Hero4's QHD quality at a colossal 4.320 pixels. There's also talk of 3D image capture and playback, which will literally add a whole new dimension to your commute-idiocy recordings. ETA: TBC £TBC, www.gopro.com



♦ iPAD AIR 3

The biggest surprise of 2015 was the lack of an iPad 3, but Apple decided a Mini 4 and Pro were enough. We always want more awesome, though, so hope Apple will deliver a new faster, maybe larger, iPad Air in 2016. We'd like a QHD screen, a Surfacebeating keyboard cover and compatibility with Apple Pencil. ETA: TBC

£TBC, www.apple.com/uk



MUV BIRD

The BIRD by MUV Interactive essentially turns your finger into a stylus. A tiny wearable device, it clips onto your finger and enables you to turn any surface into a touchscreen. It may be built for education and presentations initially, but we can't wait to see what clever developers do with it. ETA: Spring 2016 £165, www.muvinteractive.com



Pro 5 could expand into that territory. We hope there's an Intel Cannonlake octa-core processor to cement the Surface Pro's position as the power daddy. ETA: TBC

£TBC, www.microsoft.com/en-gb

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SKY Q

Sky Q is a genuine viewing revolution. By taking the best bits of the company's class-leading PVR set-top box and adding a bit of Sonos-style multi-room thinking and a soupçon of Wi-Fi range extender, Sky has re-thought itself to suit our viewing habits. And despite its very recent launch, this year it'll get even better.

Sky engineered Q to be 4K-ready from the outset, and that'll come to fruition imminently, enabling the main hub (there are a choice of two) and its Sky Q Mini satellites to beam QHD movies and series to your TVs, tablets and phones. They can be sideloaded to your devices so you can watch them offline, too. ETA: Q1 2016

£TBC, www.sky.com





THE BRILLIANT SKY Q IS THE ULTIMATE IN VIEWING PLEASURE. SEE YOU LATER - I'M GOING TO HIBERNATE UNTIL SPRING

DUNCAN BELL, LIFESTYLE TECHNOLOGY EDITOR









The next-gen Xbox's name isn't easy to predict, with its third iteration called the One and the second the 360. Rather than going down the VR route (for now), it'll merge the HoloLens's augmentation with the Kinect 3 to create an immersive experience. Microsoft is expected to have learned from the One's launch and will pull back on the Xbox Two's media-hub capabilities in favour of focused gaming. ETA: TBC

£TBC, www.xbox.com



OCULUS RIFT

All eyes are on the Rift, as the pioneering VR headset finally gets an official launch. Expect fireworks from the Facebook-owned start-up, with the most keenly awaited gaming revolution since the Wii appearing

with a roster of top immersive games to show off the VR tech. Oculus Touch controllers add another dimension. ETA: Q1 2016 £TBC, www.oculus.com

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APPLE WATCH 2

The brilliant Apple Watch was crowned Gadget of the Year at the 2015 *T3* Awards, but before we'd even recovered from the after-party, our thoughts had turned to its replacement – a near-certainty for 2016.

The most exciting development could be a FaceTime camera, adding videocall capability to the current Watch's audio. This opens up the possibility of wrist-based vlogging and action-camery with an appropriate mount.

More likely is increased independence from iPhones – in the same way that the iPhone gradually became less dependent on iTunes – plus improved Wi-Fi, better battery life, WatchOS 3, and a rainbow of new cases, straps, even editions. *ETA: TBC*

£TBC, www.apple.com/uk

HTC VIVE

HTC has joined in the virtual-reality fun, and the canny smartphoneist has got Valve onside to give Steam VR power to the Vive, which should mean a tidal wave of compatible games. Dual true-HD screens and more sensors provide a

truly immersive experience, and clever obstacle detection should mean you avoid falling through the coffee table during a session. ETA: TBC

£TBC, www.htcvr.com



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2016'S HOT GADGETS



MICROSOFT HOLOLENS

Microsoft's game-changing HoloLens headset is due to revolutionise the way we interact with everything. The 'game' that HoloLens has changed is 'reality', because while rivals have focused on virtual reality, Microsoft has set its sights on perfecting augmented reality by

creating holograms that you can interact with – so you can pat virtual dogs and speak to virtual people in your lounge. The potential is limitless, and the journey starts very soon. ETA: TBC

£TBC, www.microsoft.com



⇒ iPHONE 7

With 2015's iPhone 6s/6s
Plus coming under the 'gentle evolution' banner, we're hoping for big things from the 7. A new design is on the cards, possibly with an edge-to-edge screen but unlikely to feature a Galaxy S6 Edge-style curve. We expect the phone to slim down to a barely believable 6mm and feature water/dust resistance.

Under the hood, a next-generation A10 processor should be a given, and Apple is likely to bump up the RAM (secretively, of course). iOS 10 will make an appearance – it's likely to feature a more prominent role for Siri, including the ability for Siri to answer your calls and take messages – and there should be further uses for 3D Touch. *ETA: TBC*

ETBC, www.apple.com/uk



Having revolutionised the luxury saloon, Elon Musk has set his sights on the premium SUV sector. Despite this battleground featuring every global heavyweight you can imagine, Tesla has rocked up cockier than Kanye's cocker spaniel drinking cocktails. Featuring every techno-gadget you can think of (and several you can't), the Model X ticks the luxury box with a thick marker pen, then shoots off to 62mph in 3.2 seconds, thanks to instant torque from those battery-powered electric motors. And it has falcon-wing doors.



YEP, THE TECH SPECS ARE IMPRESSIVE, BUT THIS TESLA HAD ME AT FALCON-WING DOORS

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BEST TEGHE 2010

TOP FIVE KICKSTARTER PROJECTS



KOKOON

The first headphones to intelligently adjust your music depending on whether you're asleep or awake.



BATBAND

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Not a utility belt, but earfree headphones that deliver acoustics to your brain using bone-conducting technology.



BLOCKS SMARTWATCH

Build the perfect smartwatch for you. The strap is made of several modules, each with its own function.



HAIZE

A compass for cyclists that points to a destination set via an app. A simple way to get directions on your bike.



ONEWHEEL

This funky electric skateboard aims to give you the sensation of snowboarding or surfing without the snow or waves.

GRAAVA ACTION CAM

It's all very well shooting a load of footage on a GoPro, but editing it can be a royal pain – it takes ages to edit down to even a short sequence. Graava aims to take the pain out of this process by using Al and sensor information to identify the best footage you've taken and automatically edit it. After a day of filming, you can simply tell the companion app the length of video you want and – hey presto – you'll have a slick, finished video for your perusal. Nice. *ETA: Q1 2016*

\$399 (£265), www.getgraava.com





AFTER A DAY'S FILMING, I CAN PUT MY FEET UP WHILE THE GRAAVA APP DOES THE EDITING. CLEVER

CLAIRE DAVIES, ASSISTANT EDITOR



OGOGLE GLASS 2

Google Glass tested how people felt about wearing smart tech in eyewear form, and now that the fuss has died down, Google is ready to hit an unsuspecting world with the followup. And if rumours are to be believed, that world will be the business world.

Glass 2 is thought to be targeting the workplace, and to accomplish that it will ship with a more powerful Intel processor than the original's Texas Instruments chip. Its display will increase in size and adjustability.

But the biggest change could be that Glass 2 will be a clip-on module, able to attach to various eyewear or even hats and helmets, befitting its new enterprise brief while also making it suitable for sports, leisure or play. ETA: TBC

£TBC, www.google.com/glass

♦ LIGHT L16

If you think getting SLR-quality imagery from a camera that's the size of a smartphone is worth sacrificing beauty for, read on. The Light L16 is an ugly duckling with Neymar skills – its 16 cameras fuse images together to create a 52MP picture, and you can even adjust the focus in post prod to achieve the perfect shot. *ETA*: Late 2016. £1,199, www.light.co



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PORSCHE MISSION E

With Tesla and BMW's i-cars taking all the plaudits in 2015, Porsche is now ready to use some of the knowledge gained from its stonking 918 hybrid hypercar to shake up the luxury EV fray. The Stuttgart giant unveiled the Mission E at the Frankfurt Motor Show; a slippery four-door with two synchronous electric motors delivering over 600bhp to all four wheels.

Laser headlights, a touchscreen tablet beside the gear shifter, gesture control and a holographic monitor in front of the passenger seat add some sci-fi to the spec sheet. Throw in a 0-62mph sprint time of 3.5 secs and a mooted price tag of just under £100k, and this car should grab the attention of potential Tesla Model S buyers. *ETA: TBC*

£TBC, www.porsche.com









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BEST TECH 201



● NOKIA OZO

The OZO by Nokia is the first VR camera system specifically designed for pro content creators. It'll capture 360-degree spherical video and 360 x 360 sound – and it even has a live virtual-reality preview. It costs a packet but could well be the future of VR creation. Think GoPro for VR and you're there. ETA: Q1 2016 £39,000, ozo.nokia.com



⇒ PLAYSTATION 5

There's a gaming revolution underway, with VR headsets and even Apple TV competing with traditional gaming desktops and laptops, plus smartphones and handhelds. We've had one of the sleek black boxes under our telly pumping games into our faces for decades now, but do consoles have a future?

Yes. Sony plans to level-up its next-gen PlayStation with even more power, and is likely to add further support for the innovative PlayStation VR headset while expanding the boundaries of PlayStation Now to perhaps signal the demise of the physical disc. Not the console, though, whose health has never been ruder.

£TBC, www.playstation.com

IVEE VOICE

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Don't you just hate having to control everything around your house with your hands? Well, that's what ivee Voice intends to change – being a voice controller that plugs into everything from Nest to Hue to WEMO to Wink. It even connects to Uber and Spotify. And soon you'll be able to order a takeaway just by asking it. Two lamb bhunas please, ivee. ETA: April 2016

\$99 (£65), www.helloivee.com



IT COULD ORDER YOUR TAKEAWAY. IF ONLY IT COULD GET THE BEERS FROM THE FRIDGE, TOO

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The Galaxy S6 and its slinky, paradigm-shifting stablemate the Edge won the battle in 2015, but the war has just begun. The S7 versions will look to build on the success with an unparalleled

the success with an unparalleled combination of power and style. It's expected that Samsung will ditch the iPhone-aping standard model and bless the entire S7 family with a 4K curved-edge screen, but in two sizes (5.2 and 5.7 inches).

Qualcomm Snapdragon 820 octa-core processors will feature, and expandable storage is set to return with a microSD slot. TouchWiz UI will receive a makeover, as will a camera featuring BRITECELL tech. ETA: Q1 2016 £TBC, www.samsung.com

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TOP FIVE INDIEGOGO PROJECTS



VITASTIQ

Stick this little pen thing on different parts of your body and it'll tell you which vitamins you're deficient in.



SHIFTWEAR

Sneakers with an always-on, e-paper display that you can customise straight from your smartphone. Yes, really.



ALPHA 2

Feeling lonely? This humanoid robot will chat to you, offer reminders, control smart appliances and much more.



PHAZON

Wireless Bluetooth earbuds that are guaranteed not to fall out. Plus you can track them if lost, via the dedicated app.



GI FLYBIKE

A smart, maintenance-free electric bike that'll go for 40 miles and folds to half the size in one second. Neat.

LILY DRONE

We're buzzing about the Lily Drone - the howlin'mad mash-up of selfie stick and drone. Sort of. It's certainly the world's first throw-and-shoot camera, flying up to 30m away from you while taking 120fps HD video of you or whoever is holding its pebble-shaped tracking device. It can also take 12MP stills, while the GPS-enabled cam-copter is waterproof, so can land in water. *ETA: August 2016*

Pre-order for \$799 (£530), www.lily.camera



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